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| <b>Office Action Summary</b> | <b>Application No.</b><br>09/715,437 | <b>Applicant(s)</b><br>WATSON ET AL. |  |
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### Period for Reply

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### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 May 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 15-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 15-17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)          | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)           |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____                                      |
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### **DETAILED ACTION**

1. Claims 1-14 were cancelled.
2. Claim 15-17 were examined.

### ***Section I: Non-Final Action***

#### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

4. Claims 15-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Deao et al. (US Patent 6,775,793; hereafter Deao). Deao discloses a data exchange system that exchanges data between processors is provided (abstract).

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Claim 15. A method of insulating an operating environment emulator (emulating environment, column 2, lines 60-63) from a host computer (column 2, line 38), the method comprising: connecting an emulation device (figure 2, element 142) to a host computer (abstract) having an original operating system (column 4, lines 14-17, system...each having a central processing unit(CPU) for operating data files) and a host processor (column 4, lines 14-17 ); selecting an emulated operating system (element 142) from multiple emulated operating systems (column 11 and 12, lines 67 and 1-4, respectively) available; executing the emulated operating system (element 142) located on the emulation device using the host processor (column 4, lines 14-17 ) of the host computer (column 2, line 38); disabling (column 23, lines 30-34) host task management on the original operating system; routing input/output signals (figure 2, element 142, signals to and from the element 126) only through the emulated operating system(element 142); and activating an environmental shutdown by disabling (column 23, lines 30-34) the emulated operating system (element 142) if necessary to prevent interactions between the original operating system and the emulated operating system(element 142).

Claim 16. The method of claim 15, wherein disabling (column 23, lines 30-34) further comprises completely isolating the host computer (column 2, line 38).

Claim 17. The method of claim 15, wherein disabling (column 23, lines 30-34) further comprises allowing a user to define allowed interactions between the host computer (abstract) and the emulation device(figure 2, element 142).

***Section II: Response to Arguments***

***Objection to the Specification***

5. Objection is withdrawn.

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6. Rejection is withdrawn.

***Allowance***

7. Based on the revamped search, claims 15-17 were withdrawn.

***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mr. Tom Stevens whose telephone number is 571-272-3715.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, please contact examiner's supervisor Mr. Albert Decady (571-272-3819). The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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